

FOUR DAYS DEVOTED TO ROAD DUTY

Commissioners Inspect Conditions
in South-East Part of Grady
County, Preparing to Act
on Petitions

FINISH POCASSET- MINCO HIGHWAY

Grading Followed by Dragging;
Surveying Line from Pocasset
to Chickasha; Two Other
Tractors Start Soon

After spending four days inspecting impassable canyons and rut-filled roads in the southeast part of the county, Commissioners J. A. Robinson and W. A. Bryant returned to Chickasha late yesterday. They left J. A. Corbin at his home in Alex.

"Yes, Grady county must have better roads. Commissioner Bryant said last night while waiting for the 6:30 train to take him on back to his home in Pocasset. "I don't see how those people are going to get their crops to market. In the region of Bailey, we saw better corn, we all agreed, than any we have ever seen in Oklahoma, but how in the world they will haul the stuff over the roads in that section to a market, no one knows."

The three commissioners who have the building of state roads and the locating of bridges in their charge are not taking the judgment of anyone as to where roads should be surveyed and where bridges should be placed. They spent all the time from Monday morning until Friday noon traveling in a hack over the southeast part of the county, making a personal investigation of the highways after any number of petitions had been presented to them for the opening up of new roads.

Progress is Made.

Meanwhile, road building in Grady county is progressing just as rapidly as possible. The first stretch of state highway has been completed, that from Pocasset to Minco. Though the wet weather stopped progress for a day or two, the men with tractor and grader are now putting the finishing touches to that eight miles of model graded pike.

This eight miles is more than just merely a graded road. It has been dragged and packed by repeated trips of the tractor between the working point and either Pocasset or Minco until it is declared now to be "the model for all later road work in Grady county." County commissioners here have learned better, they declare, than to make a grade forty or fifty feet wide. Commissioner Bryant says they are not even thirty feet wide. In fact, there is just exactly 22 feet between the two lowest points in the road, the outside extremities.

It is all done by measurement, too. Stakes are first driven laying off a lane just eighteen feet wide, exactly in the center of the section line. The graded just "takes" the wheel on its first round. Then two rounds are made with the plow, each furrow being a foot wide. This extends the grade to its width of 22 feet.

"A 22-foot grade does not require much work to keep it up," Mr. Bryant, who is as great a crank on roads as are Commissioners Robinson and Corbin, said last night. "A good road must have a grade narrow enough so that the water will drain immediately down the sides. It takes too much work to make a high grade unless it is an arrow one, and the narrow one will require so much less dragging. Dragging is an absolute necessity on any road."

Drag is Used.

Until the grader reached the half way line from Pocasset to Minco, the men running the machine returned to Pocasset every night for gasoline and other supplies. They pulled the road drag behind them. After they reached the half way point, they made Minco headquarters, doing the dragging act every day between the larger town and the place they were working. This is one of the things that Mr. Bryant says has helped to make the Pocasset-Minco pike a model one to be copied in other parts of the county.

Though the "Pocasset tractor" is

still the only one that is in service now on a cross county road, two others are waiting for the arrival of graders. One of them is being held here in Chickasha. The other has been loaned to Alex for the grading of city streets until the county machinery arrives. One of the road machines will be unloaded here and the Helder, ten horse power, will be put to work with it on an east and west road, it is said, possibly toward Verden. The other machine will be unloaded probably at Rush Springs and work will be begun from there north, meeting the machine working south, possibly at Ninnekah.

H. A. Cranwell, county engineer, is now surveying the road between Pocasset and Chickasha. It will extend north from Fourth street. Not only must this road be surveyed, but also all others of the state roads in the county and a profile made of them and sent to the state authorities before state convict labor will be furnished. Map making is to be pushed to the fullest extent, it is stated.

Just a Beginning.

Though the county can build some state highways, it will not have made a beginning of giving good roads to Grady county, Commissioner Bryant says. "The only way the county can have a system of the right kind of roads is for every farmer to take an interest in it and help do the work," the commissioner from Pocasset said last night. "The people of Pocasset and the country west showed a year ago what could be done, and what must be done if we expect good roads."

"Merchants up there raised a hundred dollars to use as long as it would last in building a road west. Before the money was half gone, farmers began asking whether or not the grade would be extended beyond their places. They were told that the surest way of getting an extension was for them to cut the weeds and get them out of the way and to plow the roads in front of the grader. They did this all along the line, and the outcome of it was that the road was graded clear to the Caddo county line, eight miles west, and there was money left over. Then the merchants bought road drags and gave them to farmers who would use them on the grades."

"Every farmer in the county ought to have a drag. At least there ought to be one on every mile or two of section line. Even after grading is done, this will be a necessity if Grady county is to have good roads."

Rain Halts Work on Court House Rooms

Work on the extension to the court house came to an abrupt halt this morning when rain drove workmen to shelter. The brick walls are now about ten feet high and window and door casings are being put in.

There has been "some confusion" in those two north rooms, Judge Davenport and Treasurer Mullican declare, while the north end of the building is being partly removed to make an opening into the addition. The partition between Judge Davenport's quarters and those of Recorder Hart is to be moved farther in and a door left between the present room and the additional one the county judge will have on the north.

GONE TO FIND DONALD B. M'MILLAN



This is Capt. H. C. Pickens, commander of the auxiliary schooner George B. Cluett which sailed recently for Etah, Greenland, with the purpose of finding and bringing home Donald McMillan and his party of arctic explorers.

FORESEE FINISH OF RUSSIANS

German Critics Expect Campaign
Against Slavs to Be Closed
Within Few Weeks, Followed by Peace Move

FORTIFIED FOREST TAKEN BY TEUTONS

Von Hindenburg Continues Attack
on Kovno; British Troops Capture
Turkish Trenches and Seize
Strong Foothold

By United Press.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—Military experts here believe that a few weeks will see the end of German operations against the Russians.

The opinion is expressed by the critics that the Slavs will be unable to start any new offensive movement before the allies are forced into peace negotiations.

The people are demanding that Germany wheel her forces into a new campaign on another front. Hence it is probable that there will be no drive against Petrograd despite the fears of the allies that the Germans will undertake such a move.

The operations of the armies under Marshal G. Von Hindenburg and Mackensen are likely to continue till the Russian fortress at Kovno is battered into bits and all the Slav defenses along the Kovno-Brest Litovsk line have fallen. The Slavs on this line are now reported to be retreating, offering little resistance to the advance of the Teutons.

German Sea Losses.

By United Press.

London, Aug. 14.—A German cruiser is reported to have been sunk and several warships damaged in an engagement with the Russian fleet Thursday near Oset.

French Cruiser Bombarded.

By United Press.

Paris, Aug. 14.—A French cruiser is reported to have been bombarded and destroyed the Wagner works at Jaffa on the coast of Palestine. This announcement was made in an official statement issued here today.

Score Against Turks.

By United Press.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—Marshal Von Hindenburg's troops are attacking the Russians at Kovno, according to late dispatches from the front. They captured the fortified forest of Dominkanka near there.

Score Against Turks.

By United Press.

Paris, Aug. 14.—Dispatches received here today say British troops captured Turkish trenches on the Saribar slopes, obtaining a strong foothold and taking six hundred prisoners.



Two Tractors for Use on Grady County Roads

Two of the three big "iron horses" purchased by the Grady county commissioners are shown above, standing in front of the court house in the midst of a crowd of "notables." On the extreme left of the picture is Judge

The British also landed troops off Sulva bay north of Ariburnu. The French troops also advanced slightly against the Turks with the aid of artillery.

Germans Attacks Repulsed.

By United Press.

Paris, Aug. 14.—Heavy German attacks in the Marie Theresa region were repulsed, according to reports received today.

The fighting in the Argonne region still rages violently, the Germans being heedless of the cost of life.

Riga is Threatened.

By United Press.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The American consul at Riga, Russia, reported to the state department today that he had taken over the British consulate as the Germans are threatening the city.

PREMIUMS ON POULTRY PROMISED

A good list of premiums will be offered for poultry of all kinds at the county fair, September 20, 21 and 22, according to arrangements made last night at the special meeting of the Grady County Poultry association held in the city hall. Coops are to be furnished free by the association, and the association will see that the best that can be secured in care and judgment shall be given exhibited fowls. Committees were appointed which are to confer with the executive board of the Free Fair association and report back to the association at its next meeting, to be held Friday night.

Committee chairman appointed by President W. P. Bryant were C. C. Goetting, finance; W. H. Catterall, premiums, and W. W. Possington, general arrangements.

A large number of special premiums besides those offered by the fair association are being planned by the poultry men.

GIVES BOND FOR \$1,000

Tom Drane, prominent Bradley farmer, who shot Bert Gellis after a quarrel Thursday night, was brought to Chickasha by Deputy D. Arthur Williams at 7 o'clock last night and admitted to bail in the sum of \$1000. His bondsmen accompanied him to the county seat town.

The charge, "shooting with intent to kill," was presented before Justice A. C. Fuller. Preliminary hearing is to be held August 25.

R. E. Davenport and backed up against the front wheel of the machine on the left is county commissioner Robinson. Next to the right comes a boy and then D. C. Hart and County Clerk F. P. Bradley. Charley Reynolds, plain

STRANGER ATTEMPTS TO SUICIDE

Young Man Takes Fifteen Grains
of Strychnine; Is Alive and
Well Enough to Tell
of it

Emmett Lovett walked into police headquarters at 11:15 last night, handed Sergeant Looney a box marked "poison," told him that he had taken fifteen grains of strychnine that had been contained in it, and that the note in the box would tell where to send the body. Quick action by Sergeant Looney brought the city physician. An emetic was administered at once with the result that by 3 o'clock this morning the young man was declared to be out of danger.

Lovett was a fine appearing young man, Sergeant Looney declares. He gave his age as 22, and his home as Rody, Tex., where he declared his father lived and was well-to-do.

"I have been out of out, broke and unable to earn any more money," was the reason the young man gave for attempting to take his own life. He declared that he had worked in picture shows, had been an acrobat with a circus, an automobile chauffeur and half a dozen other things.

He worked at Lawton until six weeks ago, when his foot was injured in an accident. After spending three weeks recovering, he went to Mustang and picked peaches for a day, but the sun and heat made him sick. He landed back in Chickasha with 25 cents in his pocket and decided to end the whole thing while he had enough money to accomplish his purpose, he told police officers.

The young man said this morning that he did not think he would try the stunt again.

Smith Draws Fine of \$25 and Trimmings

Joe Smith drew a fine of \$25 and costs in Justice T. P. Moore's court yesterday on the charge of assault and battery. He was convicted of assaulting Deputy Stringfield when the officer entered Smith hotel some time ago. Millard Holcomb, who was charged with assault in connection with the same occurrence, was released.

Smith is still in jail. He must not only pay this \$25 and costs, but also secure bondsmen for \$3000 before he can get his freedom.

British Rail Disaster.

By United Press.

Northampton, England, Aug. 14.—The Irish mail train on the London & Northwestern railway was derailed near a stone tunnel today. Between fifty and sixty persons are reported to have been killed.

"honest farmer" is seated on the ground next and Pete Krey of Minco is near the end of the line. In the rear are Assistant County Attorney Swan, County Treasurer H. N. Mulligan, Tom Driggers and others.

Gets Eleven Quarts of White Mule at Rush

Eleven quarts of "White Mule" and three prisoners was what Deputy Hugh Hogue of Rush Springs brought with him last night when he reported to the county jail. The men were Walter Sladon, 24 years old, John Bennett, 22, and Ben Bennett, 19.

Charges of conveying were placed against Sladon and John Bennett and of unlawful possession against the two Bennett boys. Sladon was admitted to bail of \$500 this morning. The other two are still in jail.

PLEA NOT ACCEPTED

A case of a man's wanting to plead guilty but being refused the opportunity was reported from a Chickasha court this morning. Frank Hale reported to Justice T. P. Moore, said that he had beat up a fellow with his fists considerably, and that he wanted to pay his fine. The trouble occurred at a dance at the home of George Hale, near Middleberg, last night.

Just about the time Hale was ready to plead to the information, some of the friends of the man who was beat up appeared and declared that Hale struck one Fred Wasson with a stick. A hearing has been set for next Wednesday when Justice T. P. Moore will decide how big a fine Hale should pay.

The fight is declared to have grown out of trouble between the Hales and the Wassons of some months standing. Wasson cursed Col. Jack Hale some time ago, officers state, charge being brought against him and a fine paid. Frank Hale is a son of Col. Jack.

NO PENALTY PROVIDED

There isn't any penalty recorded in the statute books for the offense of "attempting to jump on." A. K. Swan, assistant county attorney, has looked into the matter thoroughly and he declares that he speaks with authority when he says no penalty is given for such an offense.

All the perusing of volumes of law books by the assistant county attorney followed a complaint made this morning by O. C. Trapp, shoemaker, on Chickasha avenue that Antonio Rose, a competing shoemaker, had committed the aforesaid offense. It was alleged that he had taken hold of Trapp's arm and plainly had attempted to "jump on him."

No charges have yet been filed. Attorney Swan says, however, that he will continue his search and he may yet find a statute covering the act.

SCHEME TO STAMPEDE UNCLE SAM

President Discovers Plot to Get
U.S. into War With Mexico;
Border Trouble Fomented
to Further Design

RUMORED BANDITS GATHER FOR RAID

Attack Feared at Brownsville; Cowboys to Aid Cavalry in Repelling
Invaders; Villistas
Surrender to Carranza

BULLETIN.

By United Press.

Lawton, Aug. 14.—The Fort Sill commandant received orders today from Funston to hold two battalions in readiness to entrain for the Brownsville district.

By United Press.

Washington, Aug. 14.—President Wilson has uncovered a plot to stampede the United States into war through the Mexican slurry. The identity of the plotters has not yet been revealed for publication but investigations are being conducted in Washington and other cities.

It is regarded as significant that things quieted down immediately on the president's return to Washington. It appears that the plotters considered the time ripe for their schemes when both Wilson and Secretary Lansing were absent from the capital.

It is known that the plotters fomented border trouble in the past and are probably responsible for the present disturbances there. It is significant that while the border scare was on, another scare was worked up at Vera Cruz where foreigners were really in no danger, the object being to stampede the navy men.

Fear Big Raid.

By United Press.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 14.—Following reports of a fight at Santa Maria and rumors that a number of bandits are congregating near Mercedes, the fear is expressed that a big raid will be attempted on the border near here tonight or Sunday.

William Hall of the third U. S. cavalry was accidentally shot in the hip and a Mexican was killed near San Juan. One of the three Mexicans found dead near Santa Maria was identified as the leader of the Norias ranch raiders.

Eighty in Gang.

By United Press.

Laredo, Aug. 14.—Eighty Mexican bandits are concentrated between Zapata and Rio Grande City, ninety miles from here.

Zapata county cowboys are preparing to aid a cavalry detachment in repulsing them.

Unite Against U. S.

By United Press.

Galveston, Aug. 14.—Consul Burns sends a message from Vera Cruz saying several thousand Villistas voluntarily surrendered to the Carranzistas, intending to unify the Mexican forces in the event of American intervention. Burns believes certain American and Mexican interests are trying to force intervention by border raiding.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid will serve supper in the Dugan building, beginning at 5:30 o'clock today.

COTTON REPORT ISSUED.

By United Press.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The cotton bureau report issued today shows that 998,763 running bales of cotton were consumed in the month of July this year, against 848,333 bales during the same month last year.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight and Sunday, partly cloudy.

Local Temperature

During the twenty-four hours ending

at 8 a. m.

Maximum - 93

Minimum - 67

Rain, 1.2 inch.